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CANARY ISLANDS.

Teneriffe quarantines against Cardiff, Wales.

TENERIFFE, *October 19, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that quarantine has been declared against vessels arriving from Cardiff. The first one to arrive here to-day is the *Dalmally* with coal; she has been placed in quarantine. After three days of observation she will have to put to sea again and empty all the water she has on board, then return and undergo a thorough fumigation and disinfection, being after this allowed to discharge her cargo. I am informed that there are at present 3 steamers on their way here. They will have to undergo the same modus operandi.

Respectfully, SOLOMON BERLINER,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

CHINA.

Leprosy near Canton.

CANTON, CHINA, *September 27, 1900.*

SIR: The celebrated German pathologist, Dr. Koch, left here a few days ago after a short stay. He visited the large leper home, situated just outside the old city of Canton. In this institution there are about 170 small wards with 4 beds each, mostly well filled, there being about 500 occupants at present. Each leper receives a pittance of 90 cents Mexican (about 40 cents of our money) per month "for subsistence" from the Chinese Government. There are also about 500 (estimated) lepers living in junks and sampans on the lower reaches of the Pearl River, below the Tartar City, a suburb of Canton. So far as I can see or learn, there is no attempt on the part of the authorities to confine these afflicted people to any particular locality. I have frequently met them in the streets. Two days ago a yelling mob of natives surrounded one of them, who had been, apparently, trying to cross the East Bridge to Shameen. Poor fellow! He was pitilessly and brutally treated. As he passed along an intelligent native, evidently well to-do, remarked to me, "Chinaman hard heart." Dr. Koch seemed quite interested in the various manifestations of leprosy found among so large a number of patients. His visit to Canton was informal and not specially associated with his researches in regard to the malarial mosquito, of which there is an infinite variety in this locality.

Respectfully, ROBERT M. MCWADE,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

COLOMBIA.

Report from Bocas del Toro—Fruit port.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *November 8, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended November 7, 1900, the following-named vessels, 4 in number, were inspected and cleared for ports in the United States. Triplicate copies of the United States Marine-Hospital certificates attached to the bills of health issued to said vessels are herewith inclosed, also 1 certificate issued to a passenger.

November 1, steamship *John Wilson*, Norwegian; Olsen, master; crew, 17; cargo, fruit; for Mobile, Ala.; no passengers. November 3, steam-